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FIRST ENDORSEMENT on MOI request ICO MIDN 4/C
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From: Commanding Officer, NROTC Unit, University of Virginia
To: Commanding General, Marine Corps Recruiting Command
(ON/E)

Subj: REQUEST FOR TATTOO WAIVER ICO MIDN 4/C
/ USMCR

1. Forwarded, recommending approval.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John R. Warnecke".

JOHN R. WARNECKE

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From: Marine Officer Instructor, NROTC Unit, University of Virginia
To: Commanding General, Marine Corps Recruiting Command (ON/E)
Via: Commanding Officer, NROTC Unit, University of Virginia
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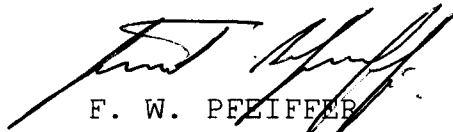
Ref: (a) MCRC FROST CALL 022-03 dtd 04 June 2003

Encl: (1) Tattoo Screening Form w/ picture

1. MIDN tattoo is a stylized cross that he designed himself. Because this tattoo is conservative but potentially controversial, I have interviewed MIDN extensively regarding the tattoo's meaning and significance. MIDN got the tattoo as an expression of his deep faith in Christianity. For him, the tattoo represents this faith in the Southern Baptist church. He has emphatically stated that he is not, nor has ever been, a gang member or a member of any hate or extremist group.

2. MIDN is a strong student in our engineering school. His performance thus far in our program indicates that his aptitude and potential for military service is strong.

3. After interviewing MIDN 4/C and reviewing his tattoo, I find it in compliance with ref (a) and request a waiver.


F. W. PFEIFFER

TATTOO SCREENING FORM

NAME _____ SSN _____ DATE 2-4-04

1. Does the applicant have any tattoos, brands or body ornamentation? ☒ Y ☐ N

2. Does the applicant have more than 4 body markings? Y ☒ N

3. Where are the applicant's tattoos, brands or body ornamentation?
on back between shoulder blades

4. How many of the tattoos, brands or body ornamentation can be seen when wearing the standard physical training uniform?
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5. Does the tattoo, brand or body ornamentation coverage exceed one-quarter of the respective body parts surface when wearing the standard physical training uniform? Y ☒ N

6. Does the tattoo, brand or ornamentation exceed the area of the wearer's hand, with fingers extended and joined with the thumb touching the base of the index finger? Y ☒ N

7. Are any of the tattoos, brands or body ornamentation on the neck or head? (Above the collarbone in front, first cervical vertebrae in back or exposed by an open short sleeve khaki shirt) Y ☒ N

8. Are any of the tattoos, brands or body ornamentation represent a gang membership, advocate racial, ethnic, religious discrimination, sexist (express nudity), drug related, obscene or are prejudicial to good order, discipline and morale or are of a nature to bring discredit upon the Marine Corps? Y ☒ N

Explain: _____

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9. Are any of the tattoos a result of a specific activity? (i.e. specifically an activity, or as the result of any violation of law(s))?

Y

☒ N

10. Has the applicant ever had a tattoo, brand or body ornamentation removed?

Y

☒ N

Explain: _____

NOTE: IF THE APPLICANT HAS RESPONDED "YES" TO ANY OF THE ABOVE QUESTIONS, THEY MUST BE INTERVIEWED BY A **COMMISSIONED OFFICER** TO DETERMINE IF THE APPLICANT IS ELIGIBLE FOR ENLISTMENT. DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHS OF EACH BODY MARKING WILL ACCOMPANY THIS FORM WHEN FORWARDED FOR REVIEW.

Commissioned Officers Reviewing Comments: _____

I HAVE REVIEWED MIDN TATTOO AND IT IS

IN COMPLIANCE WITH MCRC FC 022-03. TATTOO IS NOT
VISIBLE IN SERVICE UNIFORMS OR IN PT GEAR.

F.W. (FE)FFER
NAME/SIGNATURE OF
COMMISSIONED OFFICER

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MAJOR MARINE OFFICER INSTRUCTOR
POSITION

NOTE: ALL QUESTIONABLE BODY MARKINGS ON CONTENT, SIZE NUMBER OR LOCATION WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE APPROPRIATE DECISIONING AUTHORITY FOR APPROVAL/REVIEW.

TATOO #1

Location - on back between shoulder blades

Size - 4" tall and 2.5" wide

Description - religious cross

Significance - take part in Christianity and representing
faith (Southern Baptist).

